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1. By order of the Central Committee of the PZPR (Polish United Workers' Party), the Ministry of Shipping has ordered the suspension of release from the merchant marine of those who had had contact with the West (i.e. those who were in the West during the war), and who had served in the merchant marine or in the navy before the war.
2. Furthermore, owing to the lack of experienced sea-going personnel due to the last large number of releases, the Central Committee demanded to see a list of individuals who had been released from work or sea-going service for political reasons. In maritime circles it is expected that a considerable number of individuals who were released will be reinstated.
3. The Central Committee blames Minister Popiel for his bad policy over sea-going personnel and in the Ministry of Shipping it is alleged that Popiel will be withdrawn from his post.
4. Stanislaw Janus (former captain of the M.S. PIAST) has been proposed as captain of the BATORY. Janus is presumed to have accepted this appointment. In merchant marine officers' circles this information is not credited, because Janus does not hold a master mariner's certificate. He only has a skipper's certificate, and he is not a graduate of a maritime school.

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